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1. A military agreement between the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and the Chinese Communists was concluded in Harbin during April 1949. The agreement provides that 60,000 to 70,000 of the Koreans now serving with the Chinese Communist army will be available after July 1949 for service in North Korea. These men will be the primary source of the additional man power required to increase the strength of the People's Army to the goal of 100,000 men by 1 September 1949.
2. Since the Chinese officers in the Korean units will not be released for duty in North Korea, there will be a shortage of officers. The personnel being reassigned will be transferred at their present rank into the existing units of the People's Army. After the new troops have been reoriented, one additional rifle division and three "field mechanized units" will be activated in the North Korean People's Army.

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